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PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE RGDWM
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects undertaken by the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission Authority since its inception in Gujarat;

(b) the criteria for allocation of projects under the authority and its monitoring mechanism;

(c) whether the some more projects are likely to be taken up by the Authority in the State this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof together with the financial allocation for the purpose in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) to (d) Rural Water Supply being a State subject, the schemes for providing drinking water supply in rural areas are implemented by the State Governments. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and the Drinking Water Supply component of the Prime Minister`s Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) The powers to plan, sanction and implement Rural Water Supply schemes under the above programmes rest with the State Governments. As such, the States are not required to obtain the approval of Government of India for implementing projects under ARWSP.

However, Government of India have introduced Sector Reforms in Rural Water Supply for institutionalising community participation through demand responsive approach and decentralised planning and implementation of projects. Three districts of Gujarat, namely Rajkot, Mehsana and Surat, have been identified by the State Government for implementation of Sector Reform ProjectsProjects in respect of these districts have been sanctioned and funds released for these three projects are as follows:

(Rs. in lakh)

Name of the Pilot District	Project Outlay	Sanctioned GOI Share	Amount Released
Mehsana	4000.00	3740.00	1122.00
Rajkot	4000.00	3740.00	1122.00
Surat	4000.00	3740.00	1122.00

The allocation of funds to the State Governments in respect of ARWSP (normal) is done as per the approved need based criteria in terms of the rural population, rural areas under DDP, DPAP, HADP and Special Category Hill States, number of remaining Not Covered and Partially Covered rural habitations, number of quality affected habitations and overall water source availability in a state.

The progress of implementation of Rural Water Supply Programme is monitored through the periodical reports furnished by the State Governments. Monitoring of implementation of the programme is also undertaken through area officers of the Department of Drinking Water Supply. The area officers make periodic visits to the States under their charge and report the corrective action required which are communicated to the State Governments for action. Further Rural Water Supply Programme funds are released in two installments. While releasing the second installments, fund utilisation certificate, audit certificate and implementation progress are scrutinised.

An amount of Rs.82.37 crore has been allocated to Gujarat under ARWSP during the current financial year out of which an amount of

Rs. 77.76 crore has already been released. Further, Rs. 32.652 crore have been allocated to Gujarat under PMGY (Drinking Water Supply), out of which an amount of Rs.16.326 has already been released to Government of Gujarat.